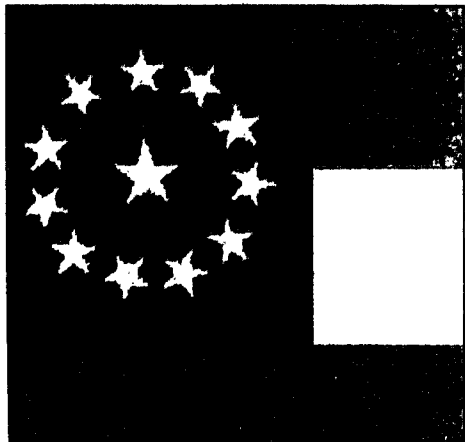




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Business After Hours is today at Library

The Library Foundation of Hancock County and Pest Control Specialists will host the Chamber Business After Hours today at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, from 5-7 p.m. Music by Davis & Sax.

N. Hancock Cheer & Football registration

North Hancock Cheerleading and Football registration will be held today, Aug. 3, 6, 8 and 10 at North Hancock Football Field. For more information, call Dane Jaynes at 255-7331 or Mary Necaise at 255-9712.

Save Our Children to conduct registration

Registration for Save Our Children will be on Aug. 7 and 8. The center will open for the new school year on Friday, Aug. 9. For more information, call the center at 466-0401.

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Lott announces \$2.5 million for high-speed rail project

BY SHANNON JENKINS
Staff Writer

The Senate Appropriations Committee recently proposed the FY 2003 Transportation Appropriations Bill that includes almost \$3 million in funds for a high speed rail line along the Gulf Coast.

The bill, which will be considered by the full Senate this fall, proposes \$800,000 for corridor planning on the Gulf Coast High Speed Rail Line and \$2 million for rail-highway crossing hazard elimination on the rail line.

These amounts are subject to change when the bill goes to conference with the U.S. House in the future.

"The Gulf Coast was designated about three years ago for high speed



U.S. Sen.
Trent Lott

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GATOR-AID



WRANPS volunteers Donna and Randy Saucier, with the small alligator they rescued Tuesday after someone duct taped its mouth shut.

WRANPS rescues small alligator after mouth taped shut

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

If you're thirsty for action, how about a little gator-aid? That's exactly what

WRANPS-volunteers Randy and Donna Saucier offered Tuesday, thanks to Hancock County residents Calvin Shiyou, Shawna Myers and Wayne Cornell.

Four days before, Shiyou, Myers and Cornell had spotted a young alligator - its snout clamped shut with duct tape - in the bayou behind Shiyou's mother Aloise's home on Shiyou Rd., just off Hwy. 603.

When a game warden's attempts to capture the gator proved unsuccessful, the family contacted WRANPS (Wildlife Rehabilitation and Preservation Society), based in Pass Christian.

It took about three hours, Randy Saucier said, but with Shiyou and Cornell helping cor-

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Disease Registry seeking input

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Four members of a team from the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry were met with a less than enthusiastic turn out and a fair dose of skepticism at the Pass Christian Court House on Tuesday.

Most of the 2,000-plus residents who have signed on to be part of a proposed multi-billion dollar lawsuit, which names DuPont DeLisle and the Department of Environmental Quality as potential defendants, stayed home at the counsel of attorney Kathleen Smiley and the



Members of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, at the Pass Christian Courthouse Tuesday in response to illness claims.

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Fugitive accused of child molestation

Wyatt apparently uses aliases, false S.S. numbers

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

The Hancock County Sheriff's office is seeking Johnny Lee Wyatt Jr., 35, who has been indicted on molestation and drugs charges, according to Sheriff Steve Garber.

Sheriff's Investigator Kenny Hurt said that Wyatt uses several different aliases and social security numbers.

Hurt said that a Hancock County Grand Jury handed an indictment on molestation against Wyatt on Oct. 8, 2001; and an indictment on drug charges on November 20, 2001.

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Johnny Lee
Wyatt Jr.

State approves city of Waveland redistricting plan

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

The city of Waveland has officially been re-warded.

The U.S. Dept. of Justice last week confirmed that the city's redistricting plan has been approved by the U.S. Attorney General's office.

Mayor Tommy Longo and aldermen worked with research analyst Ben Collins of the John C. Stennis Institute of Government in February to re-draw Waveland's ward lines in order to bring the city more in line with the 2000 U.S. Census results.

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W'land officers file counter charges in brawl

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

The saga of the alleged bar brawls on June 29 at the Brass Anchor continued with counter assault charges being filed against three who filed assault charges earlier against three off-duty Waveland police officers.

Officers filed simple assault charges against Russell Jordan, Samuel Rush and Dayle Dahl last Friday, and the three

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More than a century



Echo staff photo by Bennie Shallbetter
Martha James, seated, surrounded by a few of her many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren at Miramar Lodge Nursing Home in Pass Christian.

Pass woman celebrates 109th birthday with family

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

"When you're old, you're just old," said Martha James at her birthday party on Monday. And James should know. On Monday, she turned 109.

James, a resident of the Miramar Lodge Nursing Home in Pass Christian for the past nine years, is a little hard of hearing, but other than that, the only thing that keeps her down is her incomplete recovery from a broken leg. The injury put her in the home nine years ago.

"If it hadn't been for that, she would probably be at home," said granddaughter Kathy Brooks.

Born in New Orleans in 1893 as Martha Fennill, James grew up in Bay St. Louis and moved to Pass Christian after she mar-

ried her husband Willie "Buster" James. James was a brick mason. They had one son, Willis.

She was baptized in the First Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis, where she remembers they had an organ to accompany the hymns.

James said that she made 75 cents a day when she began her career as a chef. She owned a small café and later worked in private homes and then at the Pass Christian Yacht Club.

She loves to fish, cook and play the slots. As a matter of fact, she said, she is headed to the casino on Saturday.

She has five grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren, many of whom were at her party. Some relatives from Slidell, her mother's birth-

place, also attended the party. Her two brothers and one sister have already passed away.

James remembers when her son and husband went to Washington D.C. to find work. "I went up there and brought them home," she said.

She also remembers a time when children received more discipline. "Kids went outside to play," she said.

"They didn't hang around when adults were talking."

In a philosophical moment, James added a brand of her wisdom.

"The world is passing away fast and I don't know when God is going to show up," she said. "But there are good people to be found everywhere."

Then she requested a beer to go with her birthday cake.

Bay St. Louis Football registration

Bay St. Louis Football is still registering football players for the upcoming 2002 season.

Registration will be today, Aug. 1, 6-8 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 10, 9 a.m. to noon at the Baseball Complex.

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Deputy nabs arson suspect

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

An arson suspect was arrested Tuesday at a county bar by Hancock County Sheriff's Deputy Matt Barnett, who was in the area searching for a suspect wanted on a forgery, according to Sheriff Steve Garber.

On July 25, Bayside Volunteer Firemen responded to an early morning fire at 9291 Harbor Drive.

Garber said, "Although firefighters were able to contain the fire before the trailer was completely engulfed in flames, the interior of the structure sustained extensive smoke and heat damage."

"No one was at the trailer, but Hancock County Marshal Richard Pate ruled arson was the cause of the fire due to four fires being set at separate locations inside the trailer."

"Marshal Pate and Sheriff's Investigator John

Luther's follow-up investigation revealed a suspect for the arson as Gerdis Seals, 34, address unknown. Pate obtained an arrest warrant for Seals, who was currently out of jail on a \$5,000 bond in connection on a drug-related charge for possession of precursor," Garber's release said.

Garber continued, "While Barnett on Tuesday, July 30, was looking for a forgery suspect, he spotted Seals, who was placed under arrest and transported to the Hancock County Criminal Justice Facility and is being held under a \$200,000 bond."

Sheriff's Chief Investigator Bob Lambert reports, "There was a domestic disturbance at the 9291 Harbor Drive address on July 23, and John January, 32, was arrested and charged with domestic violence."

Luther is investigating the domestic violence case and is also assisting Pate in the arson investigation, according to Garber.

Garber said, investigators are continuing their investigation, and additional charges may be filed. Anyone with information can contact the Sheriff's Office at 467-5101.

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Science and math are a blast at Astro Camp

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Worlds of fun await future rocket scientists and space explorers at Stennis Space Center's Astro Camp, a series of week-long summer day camps, and Astro Camp Saturday, a one-day camp held one Saturday each month.

Astro Camp, established in 1985 at Stennis Space Center, is designed to introduce youngsters to NASA; teach them math and science principles in a fun learning environment; and inspire them to explore science and space-related career possibilities.

The week-long camps have been so popular and have reached attendance capacity so quickly that the program was expanded last year by adding Astro Camp Saturday.

The Astro Camp summer program has grown from some 50 children attending camps the first year to over 2,500 campers in all who have attended camps since the program's inception.

InDyne's Cheryl Bennett, who oversees the implementation of the program, says she is considering ways to accommodate even more campers.

"NASA has so many new frontiers, and to have the opportunity to mold and teach future rocket scientists, astronauts and space leaders is exciting," said Bennett. "It's a challenge that makes it clear why we're here and why we need Space to grow."

The camp director, Maria Lott, has taught school for 11 years and is a lead teacher in Hancock County Schools. She has been with the program for five years.

She writes the curriculum, working with the National Science Teacher Association to match guidelines and goals with activities that have been tried and tested through NASA's Education Resource Center at Stennis.

She is credited with implementing innovative camp activities.

"Maria's dedication, vision and energy have helped Astro Camp and Astro Camp Saturday achieve a high degree of success and evolve into a broad learning experience that benefits children in numerous ways," said Myron Webb, NASA public affairs officer at Stennis Space Center.

Activities, which are fast-paced and hands-on, start high atop StennisSphere's Dr. Werner Von Braun Tower, named for the rocket scientist whose vision took Americans to the Moon, and move throughout the StennisSphere museum.

Kids get to experience all the attractions, such as the Mission to Mars motion simulator ride.

"The program incorporates other areas at the center as well," said Lott. For instance, during the unit that teaches campers what it's like to be an astronaut, students visit Stennis' Wellness Center for a water buoyancy experiment.

"This activity simulates astronaut training from a child's view, underwater," explained Lott.

In past camps, students have made solar ovens to bake apples; built



Photos courtesy of NASA
Astro Camp Counselor Dusty Frierson of Plaquemine assists Brennan Mancil of Brunswick, Ga., as he launches the rocket he made at a recent Stennis Space Center Astro Camp session.



Astro Camp Director Maria Lott discusses the principles of aerodynamics as campers Marquis Wavers, left, and Cody Roth, both of Waveland, build rockets during a recent Astro Camp Saturday session at Stennis Space Center (SSC) in South Mississippi.

International Space Station models and flown them from the Von Braun tower; and spent the night on Mars inside the realistic Mars habitat at Stennis.

Campers learn teamwork from day one. They divide into smaller groups led by counselors who serve as teachers and mentors and guide the children in fulfilling each camp's mission. Improvements are made to the camps continually, based on student and parent evaluations.

Although most of the activities change each year, some aspects are recurring. For instance, all missions start with a Space Shuttle

Launch because regardless of the mission, it begins with a launch. This year's theme, "What's in the Night Sky?" teaches campers about the Hubble Space Telescope, astronomy, constellations, galaxies and the life cycle of a star.

The curriculum incorporates facts about the International Space Station as well, as it is visible in the night sky.

One camp highlight is the Rocketry 101 unit that teaches the principles of rocket science by allowing the children to build several types of rockets powered by a variety of propellants.

Campers get to demon-

strate what they've learned about gravity and propulsion when they launch their rockets for their parents and guests. The rockets create a spectacular scene, soaring up to 1,000 feet in the air.

"It's an amazing sight," said Webb. "The campers decorate their rockets and can fill the payload with trinkets. The rockets are very personalized and creative."

Kids can participate in any special activities that occur at Stennis during the camp. Some campers have seen a Space Shuttle Main Engine test; some have met astronauts.

Campers who attended Astro Camp Saturday in celebration of the 32nd anniversary of the Apollo 13 mission saw astronaut and native Biloxian Fred Haise dedicate his spacesuit from that famous mission.

Saturday camps are limited to the first 25 applicants. Reservations are also being accepted for the fall Astro Camp Saturday sessions: Oct. 19, "International Space Station, An Island in the Sky," Nov. 16, "Mars, the Red Planet" and Dec. 14, "Rocketry 101."

Astro Camp Stennis Space Center's Astro Camp has summer sessions for kids ages 7-9 and 10-12.

It is held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at StennisSphere. Cost is \$150 per camper, which includes a T-shirt, handbook, journal, lunches and a rocket kit.

Summer's camps fill early, so make plans for 2003 Astro Camp now.

Astro Camp Saturday
Astro Camp Saturday is held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. one Saturday each month for kids ages 9-12.

There are slots open for

the fall Astro Camp Saturday sessions:

Oct. 19, "International Space Station, An Island in the Sky"

Nov. 16, "Mars, the Red Planet"

Dec. 14, "Rocketry 101"

Cost is \$50 per session and includes a rocket kit and lunch from the 1960s-style diner, the RockeTaria.

Attendance for each Astro Camp Saturday and Astro Camp week-long summer session is limited to the first 25 applicants. Call (228) 688-2322 or 1-800-237-1821 (Option 1) to register or for more information.

You may also visit www.ssc.nasa.gov/public/visitors and choose the link to Astro Camp and Astro Camp Saturday.

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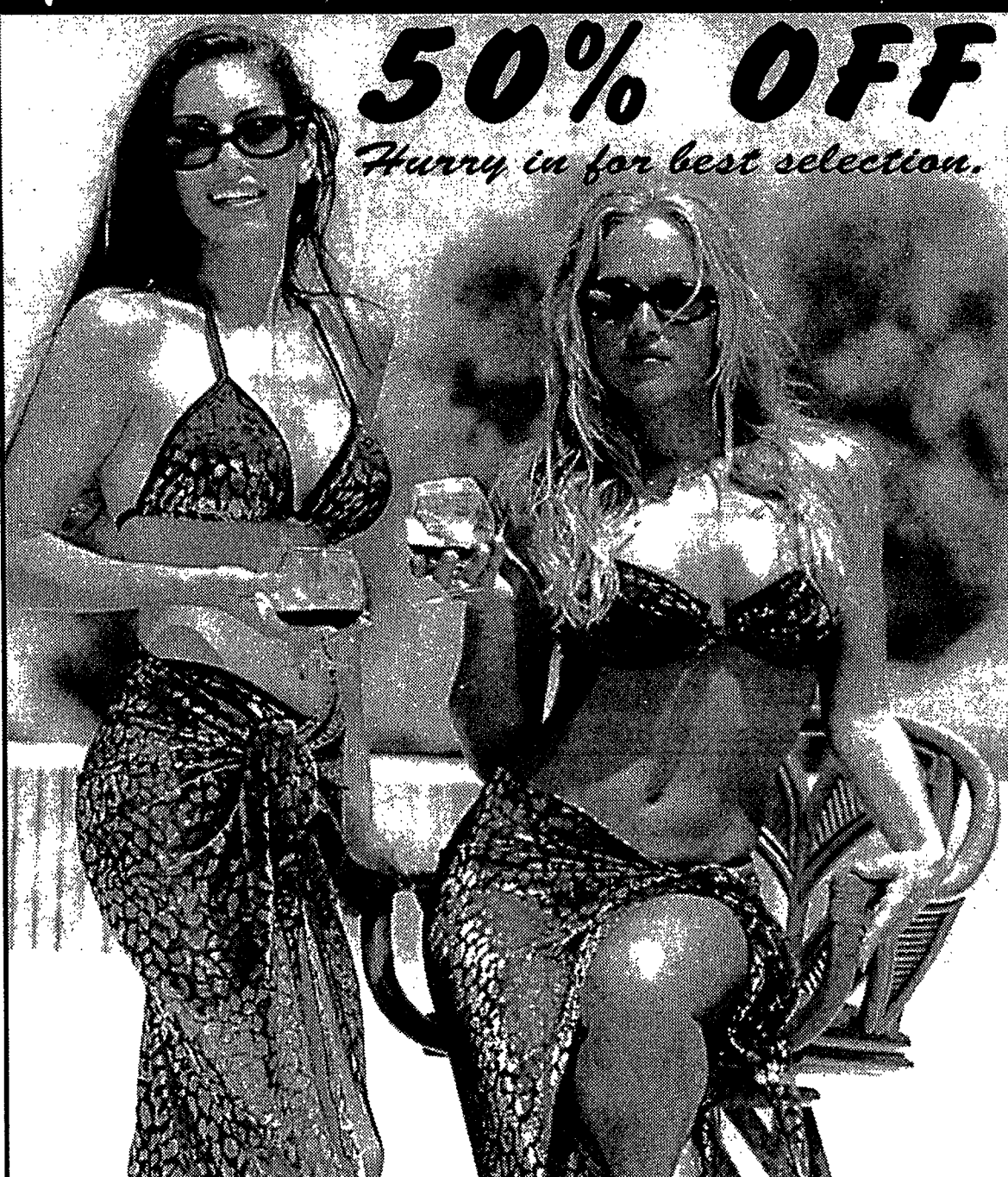
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Stennis Space Center operating at full throttle despite shuttle shutdown

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While NASA's space shuttles have been grounded because of fuel line cracks, testing at the Stennis Space Center is still at full throttle.

"For us the workload hasn't changed at all," said Robert Lightfoot, director of the Propulsion Test Directorate at Stennis. "If anything, we could get more busy."

Lightfoot said that Stennis sent a team to the Kennedy Space Center and is "piggybacking" tests

related to the fuel line cracks during main engine tests at the Hancock County facility.

The shuttle fleet was grounded in June after cracks were found in the metal liners for the hydrogen fuel pipes on all four shuttles. NASA still has not determined what caused the cracks. NASA accounts for 70 percent of Stennis' work; 20 percent is for the Defense Department and 10 percent is commercial.

Those numbers fluctuate: Two years ago 50 percent of

the work was for NASA and 40 percent was commercial.

Stennis is deeply involved in the Space Launch Initiative, which aims to design a space transportation system that is safer, more reliable and less expensive than the shuttle. Components of the next generation of reusable space launch vehicles are now being tested at Stennis' E-Complex.

Testing is scheduled for three of the four engine designs funded by the initiative.

OPINION

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Ponderings
by James R. "Randy" Ponder
Editor and Publisher

Promote community harmony, end the flag controversy

There is a great turmoil brewing along the Mississippi Gulf Coast concerning

the issue of the Confederate Battle Flag flying over the Eight Flags beach-side display in Harrison County.

The flags at this display represent the governments which have ruled over this area at some point in time since 1699. And the Confederacy is certainly one of these. The problem is the particular flag chosen to represent the Confederacy.

Supporters of both sides of the controversy are equally empathic, passionate and convinced that their cause is noble and just. It is an emotional issue and one from which the wise might try to distance themselves. But it is far too important an issue to ignore. I can not turn my back in good conscience and pretend that it does not exist, nor will it to go away. It is an embarrassment for the state of Mississippi and must be addressed.

The Confederate flag issue is a race issue. Black versus white. Southern pride versus Southern prejudice.

Right versus wrong is probably a better way to view the situation.

The Coast, like most of the South, is a cultural and ethnic melting pot. Probably much more so than many other parts of our nation.

For example, a friend of mine some years ago told me of his military experi-

ence somewhere in the American northwest. I believe he was stationed in Idaho, but it really doesn't matter. He was one of only a handful of blacks at the time at that base. Anytime he would venture off-base, people would stop and stare at him. Didn't matter if he was at the gas station, a hamburger joint or church, people would stare.

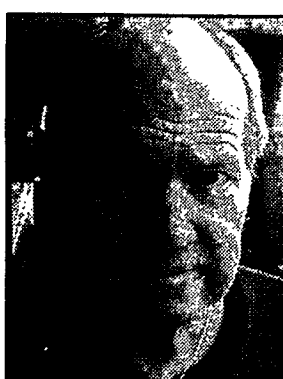
Apparently, there are not many blacks in Idaho and he was something of an oddity, a curiosity. After arriving back home to Bay St. Louis, he told me how good it felt to be back to an area where everyone is accepted.

When I first moved to Bay St. Louis back in 1971, I remember how surprised I was to learn both the police chief and the fire chief were black. Not that it bothered me, rather that it was so unlike the stereotypical preconception I - like so many others - had of Mississippi.

I grew up in the foothills of north Georgia and witnessed segregation firsthand. Blacks on one side of the street, whites on the other. Separate everything. Then, when I was a sophomore in high school, the road to integration slowly and painfully began. The first black student at my school was an intelligent fellow of slight build and wore eyeglasses. He was an easy target and was tormented mercilessly. He managed to somehow survive. The next year there were more, but with less anger. By my senior year, all were accepted. I guess children adapt easier than

FLAG--PAGE 5A

What do some locals think about the issue of the confederate flag? The answers were as varied as the people. Many wanted to comment anonymously; many more did not want their picture in the paper; some thought their views might hurt the feelings of someone they know, and others just did not want to talk about it any more. A few brave souls ventured an opinion on the record.



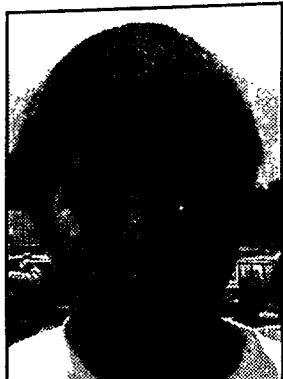
Don Davenport of Bay St. Louis
"I don't think they need to do anything about the flag; they need to leave it the way it is."



Riley Watson of Bay St. Louis
"Everybody is always complaining about all the money that's wasted. I just wonder where does all the money come from to fight this issue. That's what I wonder."



Marlan Burch of Bay St. Louis
"I think it needs to go. We can put the state flag up there. I've already signed the petition to get rid of it."



Darrell Rhodon of Bay St. Louis
"I think it needs to stay as it is ... It is part of our southern heritage. Why do people think they can re-write history. It's just a flag."



Minister Patrick Harris, Diamondhead
"The issue is not a really a flag issue. It's the motive behind the flag that is the issue. The flag could be pink polka dot or striped. It's a racial issue and in some cases an issue of hate. ... The flag will not change a thing one way or the other ... for the old wounds to heal the change will have to take place in the heart."

'I have a dream' still valid, even today

By Martin Luther King, Jr.

Delivered on the steps at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D. C. on August 28, 1963

Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of captivity.

But one hundred years later, we must face the tragic fact that the Negro is still not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination.

One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later, the Negro is still languishing in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land. So we have come here today to dramatize an appalling condition.

In a sense we have come to our nation's capital to cash a check. When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir.

This note was a promise that all men would be guaranteed the inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check which has come back marked "insufficient funds."

But we refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt. We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation.

So we have come to cash this check - a check that will give us upon demand the riches of freedom and the security of justice. We have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of now.

This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism. Now is

the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice.

Now is the time to open the doors of opportunity to all of God's children. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood.

It would be fatal for the nation to overlook the urgency of the moment and to underestimate the determination of the Negro. This sweltering summer of the Negro's legitimate discontent will not pass until there is an invigorating autumn of freedom and equality.

Nineteen sixty-three is not an end, but a beginning. Those who hope that the Negro needed to blow off steam and will now be content will have a rude awakening if the nation returns to business as usual.

There will be neither rest nor tranquility in America until the Negro is granted his citizenship rights. The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges.

But there is something that I must say to my people who stand on the warm threshold which leads into the palace of justice.

In the process of gaining our rightful place we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred.

We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence.

Again and again we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force. The marvelous new militancy which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to distrust of all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny and their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom. We cannot walk alone. And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall march ahead. We cannot turn back. There are those who are asking the devotees of civil rights, "When will you be satisfied?"

We can never be satisfied as long as our bodies, heavy with the fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging in the motels of the highways and

the hotels of the cities.

We cannot be satisfied as long as the Negro's basic mobility is from a smaller ghetto to a larger one. We can never be satisfied as long as a Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and a Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote.

No, no, we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

I am not unmindful that some of you have come here out of great trials and tribulations. Some of you have come fresh from narrow cells.

Some of you have come from areas where your quest for freedom left you battered by the storms of persecution and staggered by the winds of police brutality.

You have been the veterans of creative suffering. Continue to work with the faith that unearned suffering is redemptive.

Go back to Mississippi, go back to Alabama, go back to Georgia, go back to Louisiana, go back to the slums and ghettos of our northern cities, knowing that somehow this situation can and will be changed. Let us not wallow in the valley of despair.

I say to you today, my friends, that in spite of the difficulties and frustrations of the moment I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal."

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at a table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a desert state, sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a dream today. I have a dream that one day the state of Alabama, whose governor's lips are presently dripping with the words of interposition and nullification, will be transformed into a situation

where little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls and walk together as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith with which I return to the South. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope.

With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with a new meaning, "My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring."

And if America is to be a great nation this must become true. So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania!

Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado! Let freedom ring from the curvaceous peaks of California!

But not only that; let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia!

Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee!

Let freedom ring from every hill and every molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"

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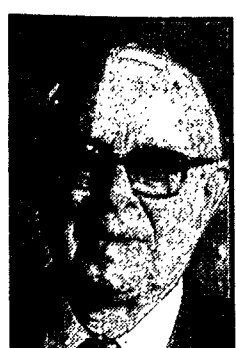
Pennsylvania miners' plight gripped the nation

I do not know how many of you were glued to your television set into the wee hours of Sunday. I sure was. I was about to go to bed and breezed across a news channel and heard the report of all nine coal miners being alive.

Just seeing that yellow capsule come up from the ground and one by one the nine miners covered in coal dust and soaking wet, is something I will always remember.

Following the rescue of the miners, I cannot recall the word 'miracle' being used by so many people, as it was used to describe the saga in the recovery of the nine.

Folks may think miracles do not happen in today's world, and if they do not, they sure would be hard in convincing those who came out of that hole, in addition to those working to reach the miners after being trapped by water for over



Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

three days.

It does really take a special person to be a coal miner, and that is one job I, like over 99% of the people of this country would not want. They have to be very brave people, as it is probably the most dangerous type of employment in the world.

It will be interesting to see how many of the nine miners will return below again.

Congratulations are in order to Roy S. Estess on his approaching retirement as the John C. Stennis Space Center's administrator.

The impact Estess has made in the NASA world is one which all Mississippians can be very proud of. With a 37-year NASA tenure, he worked his way up from a test engineer to the top of the heap.

Estess' achievements are well known throughout NASA's world, as he helped build a model space community here in Hancock County.

It is very interesting that Estess' replacement, Bill Parsons, and he were born only six miles apart in Pike County, Mississippi.

Parsons served as acting

director of NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston for over a year and was temporarily assigned to NASA Headquarters in Washington as a special assistant to the administrator and served two consecutive NASA administrators.

When one thinks of the Stennis Space Center, one thinks of Roy Estess and the tremendous job he has done for our nation's space program.

With all of his accomplishments, I have to say that Roy Estess never forgot where he came from and is a 'people's person.'

Roy, enjoy your retirement, you more than deserve every minute of it.

In Sunday's edition of The Echo, we once again ran a story on the proposed improvements of the intersection of U.S. Highway 90 and Drinkwater Road.

Our latest information is that the Department of

Transportation review work should begin in September.

Hopefully the project will get underway soon. The intersection is one of the most talked about in town.

The project, which goes back to 1994, has been around really too long. Of course, work by the Mississippi Department of Transportation appears to move at a snail's pace in many instances. On the other hand, I am told it is the same way in the majority of states.

I cannot wait for the installation of the traffic signal and the widening of Drinkwater and improvements on Green Meadow Road.

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Military Mention

PO1 HATTAWAY

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Timothy D. Hattaway, son of Audrey J. and Ernest R. Hattaway of Pass Christian, recently completed two months of training exercises and humanitarian missions in the East African nation of Djibouti while assigned to the guided missile cruiser USS Hue City, homeported in Mayport, Fla.

Hattaway is one of more than 10,000 Atlantic Fleet Sailors and Marines aboard the ships of the USS John F. Kennedy Carrier Battle Group and USS Wasp Amphibious Ready Group participating in joint-service, multi-national operations in the U.S.-led war against terrorism.

Sailors from Hattaway's unit participated in Exercise Djibouti MEUEX 02 which included aviation, amphibious assault, and live-fire and maneuver training. Additionally, volunteers from the unit conducted engineering, medical and dental projects, and delivered school supplies donated by U.S. citizens from Morehead City, N.C.

Hattaway is a 1982 graduate of Lineville High School of Lineville, Miss. and joined the Navy in March 1984.

SEAMAN RUDDEU

Navy Seaman Chris R. Ruddeu, son of Diane E. and Eric P. Ross of Diamondhead, recently reported for duty aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Fitzgerald, homeported at Naval Station, San Diego.

Ruddeu is a 2001 graduate of Hancock High School and joined the Navy in October 2001.

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Flag -- end controversy

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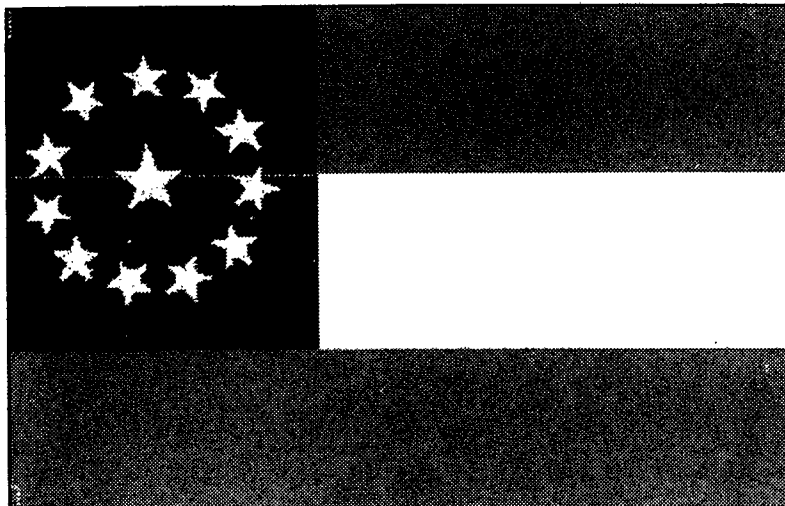
adults.

I also remember family visits to a sister in Montgomery, Alabama during the height of the civil rights movement. Again, the street was the great divide. There were also National Guardsmen posted everywhere, along the highways, on the street corners, on the roof tops. And all heavily armed. It was a scary time in the history of our nation.

Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his *I Have a Dream* speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. on August 28, 1963. It is the most powerful speech I have ever heard. Almost 39 years have passed, and to this day, King's words, filled with emotion and hope, still can bring a tear to my eyes.

We have come a long, long way from those hate-filled days, and I truly believe most of King's dream is now a reality. Without a doubt, there is still room to improve.

Everyone is entitled to his or her own beliefs. Everyone has the right to his own opinion. That right includes the display of any flag one might so choose on his own property. That is



The Official Flag of the Confederacy. Although less well known than the "Confederate Battle Flags", the Stars and Bars was used as the official flag of the Confederacy from March 1862 to May of 1863. This variant shows the final version of the flags after the last of 13 states joined the Confederacy.

not the issue here. The issue is the public display of a flag which, for many, represents oppression and injustice. This embattled flag is displayed for the entire world to see, on public property, at the direction of an elected body of leaders, entrusted to represent all citizens equally.

This public display of the Confederate Battle Flag is insulting and offensive to a great majority of the black population and to many others as well. The Harrison County Board of

Supervisors can and should forever remove that flag. Replace it with the First Confederate National Flag, better known as the "Stars and Bars." This move will certainly promote community harmony and just maybe, will put an end to this controversy once and for all. It is the only reasonable thing to do. It is also the right thing to do.

Then, perhaps, to paraphrase what King said so long ago, this sweltering summer of discontent will be replaced by an invigorating autumn of equality.

CRMP meeting is Aug. 8

The August meeting of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources Comprehensive Resource Management Plan (CRMP) will be Thursday, Aug. 8, at 10 a.m. in the public meeting room of the Bolton Building, 1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi.

The overall objective of the CRMP is to build the capacity of state and local governments to manage and protect coastal wetlands and marine resources in Mississippi by coordinating agency efforts, developing the necessary partnerships among public and private entities, and integrating

wetland protection and management into the lifestyle of the coastal community.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the State by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit DMR online at www.dmr.state.ms.us.

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Ray to compete in Meridian title of Mississippi's Jr. Miss

Kimberly Ray, the daughter of Michael and Karen Ray, holds the title of Hancock County's Jr. Miss. She attends Hancock High School where she will be a senior in August.

She left for Meridian July 28 to compete in the Mississippi's Jr. Miss scholarship program.

The preliminary competitions will be held Thursday, Aug. 1, Friday, Aug. 2, and the finals will be Saturday Aug. 3 at 8 p.m. at Temple Theatre. The state program is sponsored by the Meridian Jaycees.

Ray will be competing in several categories, including interview, scholastics, talent, fitness, and poise. The program goal is to honor young women who excel in all these areas and to encourage them to continue on the path of excellence by completing their college educations and assuming roles of leadership in their communities and professions, thereby setting an example for other young women to follow.

Kristen Ladner, director of Hancock County's Jr. Miss program, praises Ray on her efforts in preparing for the state program saying, "Kimberly is a very focused and committed young woman. She sets high goals and makes the necessary sacrifices to meet those goals. She has dedicated many hours in preparation for the state program."

"Her talent is fabulous and very entertaining. She is an excellent public speaker who spends time keeping abreast of local, state, national and international issues and will excel in her judge's interview."

"Kimberly is extremely physically active and carries herself beautifully on stage. I'm very proud of all that Kimberly has accomplished since the local program in April."

"Hancock County is sending a fine representative for the first time to the state level and can expect great results."

The winner of the state program will advance to America's Jr. Miss program which is held in Mobile, Alabama. More than \$200,000 in cash scholarships was given away during the National Finals.

The America's Jr. Miss scholarship program was founded in 1957 and is the oldest and largest scholarship program for high



Kimberly Ray

school girls.

It has helped thousands of aspiring girls pay for their educations and pursue their ambitions. Over 700,000 young women compete at the local, state, and national levels, with \$26 million available for scholarships each year.

During the past 44 years, America's Junior Miss has awarded scholarships totaling more than \$81 million to girls from across the nation. In addition, other cash scholarships worth \$2 million have been awarded at the National Finals in Mobile.

Former participants include Diane Sawyer of ABC News (America's Jr. Miss 1963), Deborah Norville of Inside Edition (Georgia's Jr. Miss 1976) and Julie Moran, weekend anchor of Entertainment Tonight (America's Junior Miss 1980).

The national presenting sponsor of America's Jr. Miss is HealthSouth. Other national sponsors include Coca-Cola, Salon Selectives, upseedaises loungewear, Healthy Choice, and Orville Redenbacher's G.

National category sponsors include Tyson Foods, The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America, Terminex, UBS/PaineWebber, and Mobile Gas. Governmental support is furnished by the City of Mobile, Mobile County, and the State of Alabama. The America's Jr. Miss National Finals will be

held in Mobile, Alabama, in June 2003.

For more information on Mississippi's and America's Jr. Miss, visit Web site www.ajm.org.

Retail shrimp to be tested for chemical Chloramphenicol, other contaminants

Last week Dr. Lester Spell, Jr., Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce, announced a no-holds barred effort to protect the consumer from potentially contaminated foreign shrimp that might be on the market in Mississippi grocery stores.

"We consider any confirmed presence of Chloramphenicol as adulteration. Review of sample retail outlets has shown that there may be significant quantities of imported shrimp products entering Mississippi commercial food channels without complete safeguards. Some of these imported shrimp may contain this antibiotic," Spell said.

"As Commissioner of Agriculture, if I have reason to question the safety of a food product, I have the responsibility of ensuring that it not be for sale in our grocery stores. Beginning today, we will mount a full-fledged effort at ridding our stores of any unacceptable product. Today, we are taking action to inform all retail food stores of our action by letter and by follow-up visits during next week."

"While we cannot require shrimp to be tested before being offered for sale, we can randomly test shrimp for this drug. We will be stepping up our efforts aggressively to do so," Spell said.

Julie McLemore, director of the department's Regulatory Division, gave the following advice to consumers in purchasing shrimp.

"Insist that your grocer confirm that his product is Chloramphenicol-free. If it is

foreign shrimp and the packaging does not state that it is free of this adulteration, ask him. If he doesn't know, move on to a product that says it doesn't contain it or that it has been grown in America," McLemore said.

The products found to contain the antibiotic were taken off-sale under the direction of the Mississippi Department of Agriculture.

Earlier this week the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce found imported shrimp containing the antibiotic Chloramphenicol.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has banned Chloramphenicol for use in food producing animals. The tested products found containing the antibiotic included those marketed as "Lumar Shrimp, a product of Thailand," and "Sea Best/Raw Salad Shrimp, a product of China."

FDA has banned the use of the antibiotic in food-producing animals because of a number of health effects from human exposure to Chloramphenicol.

It is a potent antibiotic developed in the 1950's and is being studied as a possible contributor to the development of anemia.

The antibiotic is still used in very serious infections, but only under strict medical supervision.

Due to unpredictable effects of doses on different patient populations, it has not been possible to identify a safe level of Chloramphenicol in animal or seafood products.

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University of Mobile expands degrees, majors for 2002 year

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The private Christian university has added a bachelor of music degree with majors in church music and musical theatre.

In addition, new majors include sports management and worship leadership.

Applications for admission are still being accepted. Classes begin Aug. 27.

For information about admission, call 442-2273 or (800) 946-7267, or visit web-site www.umobile.edu.

Free GED classes offered

Free GED preparation classes are being offered in Hancock County.

These classes are open to area residents who are at least 18 years of age and can help improve basic reading, writing, and math skills.

Classes meet at the PRCC mobile learning lab on the campus of Hancock High School.

Day classes meet Monday

through Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon. Night classes are offered on Tuesday and Thursday from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Class times are flexible and can be arranged to meet the needs of individuals.

To enroll, students may attend any class meeting. For more information about adult education or GED testing, call 228-467-4275 or 601-554-5551.

Brannin receives scholarship

Anna Brannin of Bay St. Louis has been selected to receive a \$1,500 W Award of Excellence Scholarship for the 2002-2003 academic year at Mississippi University for Women in Columbus. Each year The

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BUSINESS NEWS

'One Gulf' campaign stretches through five states

As you enjoy summer vacation and driving across Interstate 10 through either Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, or Florida, and you wonder how to handle the kids in the backseat asking you one more time, "Are we there yet?" keep the One Gulf Campaign in mind. Though not guaranteed to keep weary summer travelers occupied for the whole trip, keeping a watchful eye out for One Gulf billboards could relieve some of the restlessness resulting from hour upon hour in a vehicle with lots of family members.

The One Gulf Campaign is the result of a partnership of federal and state agencies, businesses, environmental groups, citizens, and representatives of agricultural and fishing industries across the Gulf of Mexico who through their affiliation with the Gulf of Mexico Program are working to unite the people who live, work and play along the Gulf to think as one community with one very large resource to protect and restore.



The summer campaign centers around approximately 10 billboards along I-10 from Houston, Texas, through the Panhandle of Florida that direct viewers to an informative web site found at <http://www.onegulf.org>. The web site provides a comprehensive list of groups working to protect the Gulf of Mexico. It also shares some interesting facts about the Gulf and its value to the nation in terms of fisheries, tourism, oil and gas production, and cultural uniqueness. More importantly, the site provides those who visit it with some helpful hints on how to protect the Gulf as individuals. By clicking on a state and then a specific county with-

in the state, surfers can determine where to dispose of household hazardous waste such as paint, automotive oils, and more.

"This was truly a partnership effort," said Terry Hines Smith, chair of the Gulf of Mexico Program's Communication Committee. "Space for the billboards was donated by Lamar Advertising and various partners of the Gulf of Mexico Program sponsored the cost of the billboard vinyl," she added.

"Whether travelers across I-10 see the billboards or not, we hope they will visit the One Gulf site and learn more about this valuable and beautiful resource we all

love so much," said Smith. "We have to begin to act as one large community when it comes to protecting our Gulf." The Gulf of Mexico Program is underwritten by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and is a non-regulatory, inclusive consortium of state and federal government agencies and representatives of the business and agricultural community, fishing industry, scientists, environmentalists, and community leaders from all five Gulf States. The Gulf Program seeks to improve the environmental health of the Gulf in concert with economic development.

The mission of the Gulf of Mexico Program is to facilitate the protection and restoration of the coastal marine waters of the Gulf of Mexico and its coastal natural habitats; to sustain living resources; to protect human health and the food supply; and to ensure the recreational use of Gulf shores, beaches and waters in ways consistent with the economic well-being of the region, through a network of citizens and institutions.

Be sure and visit the "One Gulf" web site at: <http://www.onegulf.org>

Editor's Note: For more information about the Gulf of Mexico Program or the One Gulf Campaign, call Terry Hines Smith at 228-688-1159.

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Northrop Grumman receives \$171 million advance procurement contract from Navy

Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC) announced that it has been awarded \$171 million by the U.S. Navy for advance procurement long-lead time materials for LPD 21, the fifth amphibious transport dock ship in the San Antonio-class LPD 17 program.

"This award demonstrates the commitment of the Department of the Navy to this program, and underlines the support of Congress for this critical addition to the fleet," said Dr. Philip A. Dur, Northrop

Grumman corporate vice president and president of the company's Ship Systems sector. Long-lead materials consist of the main engines, generators, controllable pitch propellers and reduction gears, among other items. Advance procurement is necessary for these critical long-lead items in order to exercise vendor option rates.

To date, the first four ships awarded in the 12-ship LPD 17 program are under contract. LPD 17 and LPD 18 are presently under construction at all three

locations of Northrop Grumman Ship Systems in New Orleans and Pascagoula and Gulfport.

The first ship is approaching 50 percent completion in unit erection at Avondale Operations in New Orleans. In October, the keel for the second ship, USS New Orleans, will also be laid at Avondale.

The LPD 17 amphibious transport dock ships are designed to be 208.4 meters (684 feet) long and 31.9 meters (105 feet) wide and will replace the functions of the LPD 4-, LSD 36-, LKA

113-, and LDT 1179-classes of amphibious ships. The ship's mission is to embark, transport and land elements of a landing force in an assault by helicopters, landing craft and amphibious vehicles to conduct an amphibious warfare mission.

Keesler Federal Credit Union promotions

THE SEA COAST ECHO
Bridget Haley has been named branch operations coordinator for Keesler Federal Credit Union. Haley began as a new accounts representative with the credit union in 1998.

In 2000 she was promoted to head teller for the Pass Road, Biloxi branch, and in 2002 was promoted to financial services representative before accepting the position in branch operations.

Cynthia Lee has been promoted to ACH (Automated Clearing House) officer for Keesler Federal Credit Union. In 2000, Lee joined the credit union as a member service representative and was pro-



Bridget Haley

moted to the position of senior bankwire representative in 2001.

In 1985, Lee received her B.S. in business administration from Winthrop College in Rock Hill, S. C. She served four years in the

United States Air Force with the White House Communications Agency, 1912th Computer Systems Group and 605th Military Airlift Support Squadron as a computer operator.

Keesler Federal Credit Union is the largest credit union in Mississippi and serves over 153,000 members worldwide with over \$700 million in assets.

The credit union offers a variety of financial services to its member-owners through its 12 branches along the Mississippi Gulf Coast and three branches on Royal Air Force bases in the United Kingdom.

For information, call 228-385-5500 or visit website www.kfcu.org.

Polymer science grant OK'd for USM

THE SEA COAST ECHO
U.S. Rep. Gene Taylor announced that the Department of Polymer Science at the University of Southern Mississippi has been awarded a \$307,440 grant from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

According to Taylor, USM's Department of Polymer Science will use the funds to study the thermodynamics of the interface between polymer and other components to develop monitoring techniques and control processing.

This will result in

improved processing capabilities and improved materials that reduce energy consumption and reduce waste that will ultimately lower costs.

Taylor said, "I congratulate USM's Department of

Polymer Science in securing this important grant. The department has a nationwide reputation for excellence."

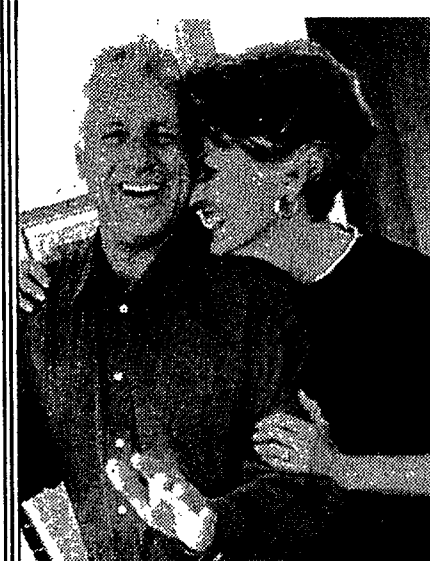
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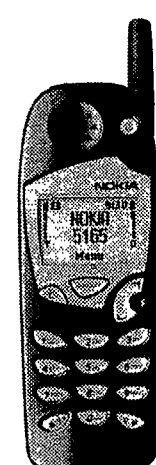
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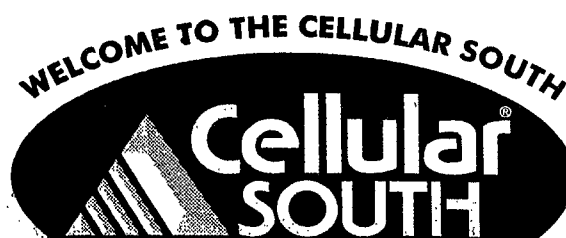
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Disease -- ATSDR checks on DeLisle complaints

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legal team representing the group.

"Our point is that you will get a skewed view of the situation here," Smiley told ATSDR representatives. "Many of the people who would be here are too sick to attend or will not be here at our request."

"This is a white wash," Smiley said. "We have no guarantee that the information they are requesting will not go into DuPont's hands. The outcome will not be what people hope for anyway ... in the end they

(ATSDR) will find that nothing is wrong and that will serve as a set back to our cause."

Smiley said that at least two potential clients who are seriously ill call her office each day. "We are organizing medical records and have brought a legal team from a Texas firm, Byron and Budd, in on the team," she said. "They are conducting interviews this week."

The ATSDR representatives took a tour of the DuPont plant site on

Monday evening. Smiley criticized the team for going to the plant before meeting with citizens.

The team will be collecting data from plant records concerning stack emissions, ground water, and the like. All the data they collect will come from the plant's own records, said health assessor Jim Durant.

The team will not take their own samples and are not in the business of monitoring regulating agencies such as the DEQ or the Health Department, he

said.

Source of exposure is sometimes difficult to prove, said regional representative Carl Blair. In this case, the investigation will begin at the source of the suspected contamination and try to establish a pathway of exposure into the community.

"Our purpose is to gather up as much information as possible and try to assess if illnesses are related to hazardous chemical exposure and how that exposure happened," he said.

Information on Manganese and Titanium Tetrachloride exposure was available at the consultations.

Two other ATSDR repre-

sentatives, Rose Jackson a health communications specialist and Lourdes Rosales-Guevara, a pediatrician and medical officer, helped with the interviews.

Rail -- funding

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rail corridors," said Lee Youngblood, press secretary for Sen. Trent Lott. "The plan is to eventually install corridors from New Orleans to the Florida panhandle."

Youngblood said this is a preliminary amount of money for a project that is "years and years away."

"It's not going to happen tomorrow," he said.

Youngblood said Sen. Lott is very supportive of the high speed initiative.

"Improved transporta-

tion, better education and jobs, are the priorities which I believe will transform our state and create a better life for Mississippi's people," said Lott in a letter from his office. "This bill contains some very significant funding that can improve public safety and facilitate new residential and economic growth in all parts of our state. I am going to work aggressively toward the passage of this bill in the full Senate."

Meridian Mayor John Robert Smith, chairman of the Amtrak Board of Supervisors, said a study is currently underway to move the from the ocean front to the bay side of the Gulf Coast.

Smith also said cities the corridors pass through often feel the economic surge of the high speed rail. The rails may also play an integral role in evacuation during a hurricane.

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Gator -- rescue

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ner the elusive lizard, he jumped into the shallow water and caught it. Saucier removed the tape and let the gator go back into the water.

"We're finding algae (on the tape)," Donna Saucier said Tuesday, "so it's been there for more than four days. ... Probably more like a week or a week-and-a-half."

"He probably could have

survived for five or six months," Randy Saucier said, "but if nobody had caught him, he'd have probably died during the winter."

Saucier theorized that someone had caught the gator and planned to take it back home, but it somehow escaped.

Calvin Shiyou, however, fears something a little more sinister.

"They found two big alligators dead (nearby) last week," he said. "They're just shooting 'em and leaving 'em."

"If I ever find out who (put tape on the baby gator's snout)," Myers said, "I'll duct tape them to the bank here for four days and then we'll really see cruel and inhumane."

Fugitive

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Wyatt uses the aliases of Johnny Wyatt, Johnny Lee Wyatt, Sr., and John L. Wyatt, Hurt said, and his last known address was 6172 East Hinds in Hancock County. He is a white male, 5 ft. 7 inches tall, and has

brown hair and blue eyes. "We have been seeking Wyatt since the first indictment was handed down," Hurt said. "We have received information that he may be residing in Louisiana."

Anyone with information as to where Wyatt may be, can call the sheriff's office at 228-467-5101. All information will be kept confidential, Garber said.

SERVICE AWARD



Pearl River Community College President William Lewis (left) presents Frank Ladner of Bay St. Louis with a plaque marking Ladner's 10 years of service as a member of the PRCC Board of Trustees. Ladner, a PRCC graduate, currently serves as chairman of the board of trustees. The award presentation was made recently at the Mississippi Community and Junior College Trustees Association's annual meeting on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Hotel Reed closed temporarily

ECHO STAFF REPORT

Hotel Reed Nursing Home temporarily closed its doors last week and relocated residents to other nursing homes in the area.

Owner Ted H. Cain said the residents have been relocated until the Bay St. Louis City Council makes its decision about his request for a zoning change to make the R-1 property commercial.

Cain plans to demolish

the Hotel Reed building, which was built in 1923, and build a new nursing home in its place.

"We want to continue what we've had and bring in something better," Cain said.

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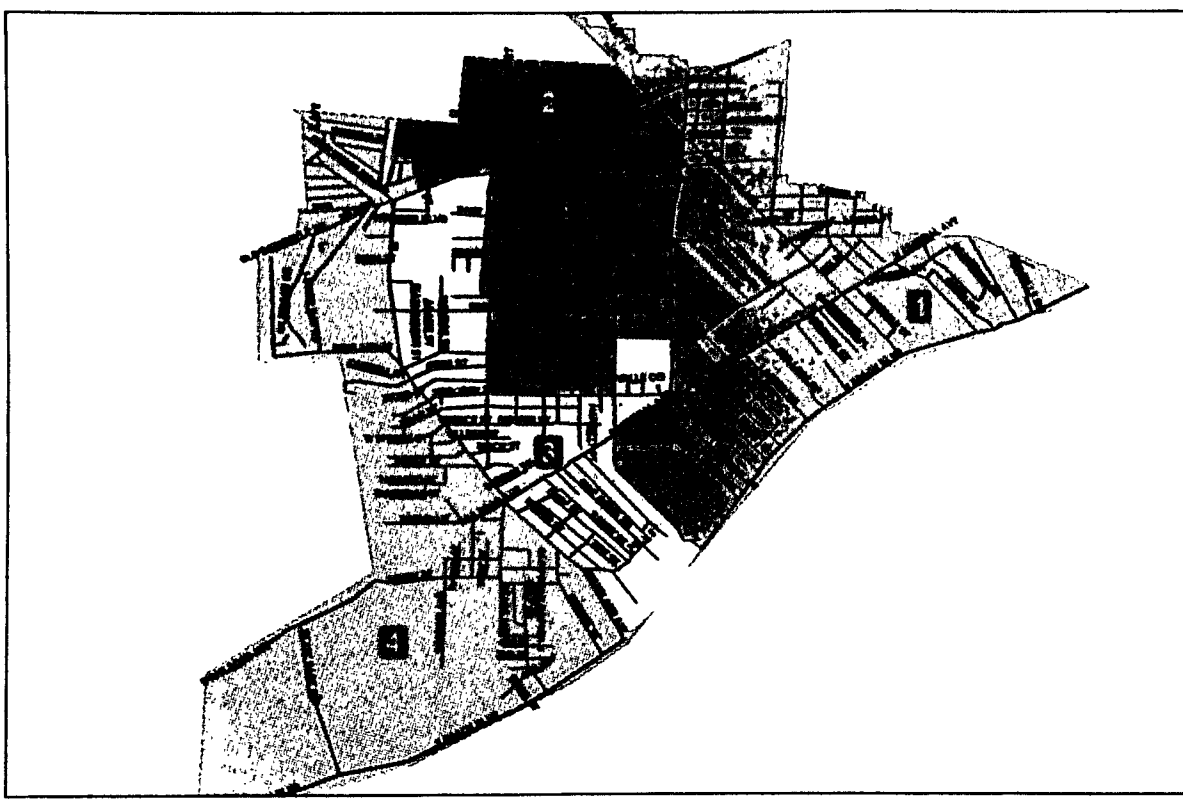
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A map of the new Waveland Ward lines.

Waveland

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That meant moving ward lines so that each alderman represents approximately 1,699 people. Due to uneven population growth in the city, before the redistricting effort, Alderman Charles Piazza's Ward 4 had about 1,000 more people than Alderman Milton Bernard's Ward 1.

According to 2000 Census figures, Ward 1 contained 1,253 men, women and children; Ricky Geoffrey's Ward 2 - 1,247; Louie Smolensky's Ward 3 - 1,787; and Ward 4 - 2,273.

Wards 3 and 4 also included higher numbers of minority residents, making

redistricting more difficult. Collins said, since the law requires that efforts "try not to dilute minority populations."

Re-districting in the city was all the more urgent, since an election for city offices is coming up in November.

The city's primary election has been scheduled for Nov. 5, with a runoff set for Nov. 19 and the general election on Dec. 3.

Candidate qualifying will begin with the Board of Aldermen's meeting on Aug. 6, and will run through Sept. 6 at 5 p.m.

The voter registration

deadline is 30 days prior to the election.

Longo said that the re-districting means some Waveland residents will be voting in different wards this year, but said voters don't need to come to city hall to switch registration - city employees will take care of that. However, he said, voters do need to be aware of which precinct they need to vote in.

A map of the re-drawn district will be posted at the city hall and at the polls.

Officers

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men turned themselves in Monday night, according to Sheriff Steve Garber.

They, as well as the officers, who turned themselves in Friday evening, posted \$500 bonds for each charge.

On Wednesday, Waveland Police Chief Jimmy Varnell, who is upset with media coverage and type of warrants issued in reference to the incident said, "It's a shame. They have 50 or 100 fights a year at the Brass Anchor, and I really do not know just how many, and one never hears them mentioned in the media."

"That's a sad thing to exploit these guys because they are police officers. I know how many times my officers go out there, (Brass Anchor is outside Waveland's city limits) and back up county deputies responding to fights," Varnell added.

"The only reason for the stories is for the media to sell more papers," Varnell said. Another concern Varnell had is in reference to the warrants, as the Justice Court judges specified cash or professional bonds in their warrants issued in the matter.

"It is a shame that crack dealers and just about anybody else can be bonded out on charges on a property bond, or any kind of bond they want, and yet the warrants on the officers specified cash or professional bonds, which is not normally placed on warrants," Varnell emphasized.

He added, "Our police officers are professionals, and I think they were punished by having to use cash or professional bonds. I know they will definitely be in court on their appointed time, and that was not necessary."

Varnell continued, "If anything, the officers should be charged with stupidity, because I tell all officers not to go into certain establishments when off-duty, and this is in the county and includes the cities of Waveland and Bay St. Louis."

Varnell said, "One of the reasons is, there are some people who frequent certain establishments whom officers have had to deal with in making arrests while doing their duty."

Following the incidents which have reportedly occurred on the morning of June 29 at 2:30 and 4:30, Samuel Rush, Russell Jordan and Dayle Dahl filed simple assault charges against Waveland Patrolman Bill Roessling, who turned himself in and posted bond, according to Garber.

According to officials, two different stories are coming from officers and the three charging them.

On Wednesday Sheriff Garber said, "The matter should be resolved in Justice Court. Our deputies did not witness any of the events, they only took statements after the fact and turned them over to Justice Court."

The four officers, part of Waveland's 14 full-time road officers and 11 part-timers, are on the job until the matter is settled in court, Varnell said, and an internal investigation is being done.

Varnell did say, "If an officer or officers are found guilty, there could be some action taken. Now, if the officers were on duty, inside the city or outside the city when this incident occurred, that would have been a different story."

D'head P.O. closes

BY SHANNON JENKINS
Staff Writer

Many Diamondhead residents received quite a surprise recently when they stopped by the community's shopping center to pick up their mail.

Nearly 600 post office boxes that once occupied a wall at the shopping center were missing.

Doug Kyle, manager of consumer affairs for the Mississippi district of the United States Postal Service, said the boxes were removed July 25 after the property owner terminated its contract with the postal service. Kyle said 400 of those boxes were rented and relocated to the Bay St. Louis Post Office. He also said the 39525 zip code for the post office boxes will not be affected, nor will the street addresses.

Benson and Jones Enterprises, the contractor, gave the postal service a 60-day notice of the termination nearly two months ago. Kyle said USPS began searching for a new contractor but was unable to acquire one before the termination. Benson and Jones Enterprises was unavailable for comment.

"We have several good leads for new contractors,"

Kyle said. "We hope to have this problem resolved as soon as possible."

Rick Southworth, general manager of Diamondhead, said many residents had short notice of the closing.

"It's very inconvenient," he said. "We're very disappointed about the closing."

Kay Buford, a Diamondhead resident of 22 years, said she was shocked when her daughter came home one day and said the post office boxes were gone. "You could have knocked me over with a feather," she said. "I was flabbergasted."

Buford said she received a letter dated July 26 from USPS two days after the post office boxes closed. The letter listed the Bay St. Louis, Kiln and Pass Christian post offices as locations for Diamondhead residents to conduct their postal needs.

In the letter, Bay St. Louis Postmaster Jimmy Moore assured residents that USPS is "diligently working to restore services" to the community.

Anyone interested in partnering with the postal service to provide post office box and retail services to the Diamondhead community is urged to contact Moore at (228) 467-7720.



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Old-time favorite castor bean sees revival



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The castor bean, one of the South's best old-fashioned plants, really starts to attract attention this time of the year. The castor bean is undergoing a revival of sorts - not only showing up in the rural cottage gardens but also in places like Northpark Mall in Jackson.

The castor bean has been grown in the United States for a long time but comes from northeast Africa. It is in the Euphorbia family, making it related to poinsettias and copper plants.

The huge palmate leaves are colorful in shades of burgundy or maroon with dark veins. The stems supporting the leaves and blooms are red and equally attractive. The blooms are white and almost inconspicuous, but the burr-like seed-pods that fall are very striking.

Please be warned that the plant is poisonous if ingested and the seeds inside the colorful fruit are deadly toxic. Castor oil is a well-known extract from the seeds.

Those of you who were given the vile tasting purgative may have to wonder if there was another motive in taking the medicine. Extracts are also used in making paints, varnishes and lacquers.

Despite that caution, the plant itself is unbeatable in the landscape and easy to grow. Select a site in full sun with fertile, well-drained soil.

The castor bean is fairly drought tolerant and will grow in poorer soils, but with fertile soil and supplemental water, it reaches monolithic proportions. The plant is so vigorous it can reach close to 10 feet in one year from seed. It has been known to reach 40 feet in tropical areas.

Plant yours at the same depth they are growing in the container. Space the plants 4 to 6 feet apart and apply a good layer of mulch after planting.

The plant can return occasionally in zone 8b and 9 by removing frost-damaged foliage and applying extra mulch in the fall. Since it is so easy to grow from seeds, I recommend you just treat it as an annual. If you are worried about the toxic seeds, then simply remove the pods before they mature and throw them away.

The castor bean normally grows with such vigor that much fertilization is not needed. A light application of a slow release 12-6-6 fer-

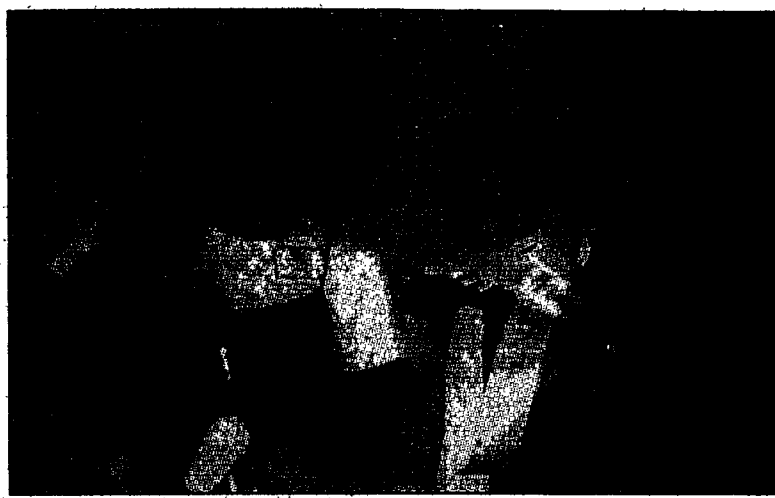
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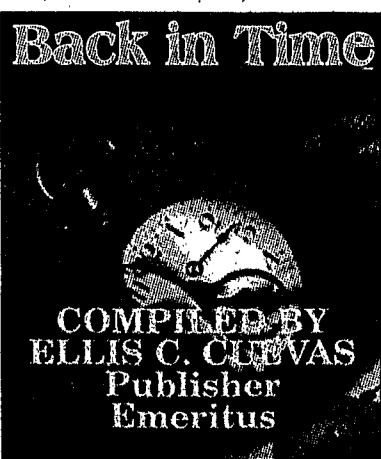
Queen Madison Piazza; First and Most Photogenic, Allison Rae McKenzie; and Third, Shyann Dougherty.

1962 - Hancock Chamber leads way to retain I-10 route, Picayune wants it North of NASA

TEN YEARS AGO

JULY 23, 1992 - Opponents of the planned testing of the Advanced Solid Rocket Motors (ASRM) at John C. Stennis Space Center unified internationally Tuesday as cries of warning were spread via the broadcast and print media.

Dr. Robert Esher, vice president of the Citizens for a Healthy Environment, reported news conferences were being held simultaneously in Los Angeles and San Diego, Calif.; Nevada, Utah, Florida, Washington and Hancock County through an alliance of environmental organizations.



- Laura and Natalie Moore of Bay St. Louis recently took an unusual transportation to Pinehurst, N.C., their golf clubs. The Moore sisters, playing for Diamondhead

Country Club, participated in the 62nd Woman's Trans National Golf Association Championship at Pinewild Country Club July 13-18.

Laura, 16, advanced to the upper bracket of the championship flight, but was defeated by Jessica Wood of North Carolina. However, Laura did receive the Dorothy Pease Award as junior medalist in the tournament.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

July 25, 1982 - The Harrison-Hancock 14-15-year-olds Babe Ruth All-Stars won the state championship Saturday in Ocean Springs.

The Harrison-Hancock team is coached by Dale Moran and Rickey Ladner, manager. Regional play will be at Childersburg, Ala., starting Monday against the Arkansas champions.

Members of the team are Scott Favre, Kendall Necaise, Rodney Ladner, Matt Ladner, Ron Ladner, Rocky Mauffray, Michael Hendricks, Milton Lewis, Brian Bratton, Kenny Beech, and Desmond Hoda.

- Schools in the Hancock County School District will be restructured this coming school year to meet new State Institution of Higher Learning instruction standards. The educating crite-

ria will affect this year's incoming freshmen.

Billy Sills, district superintendent of education, at a Saturday morning School Board meeting revealed the present, elementary, junior high and high school system will be changed this fall to a elementary, middle and high school structure.

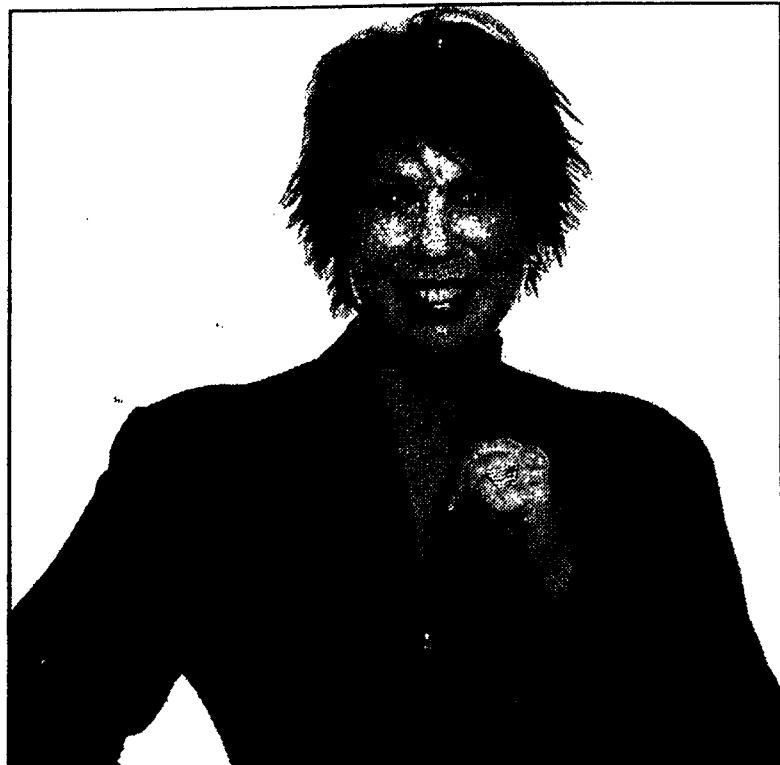
FORTY YEARS AGO

July 26, 1962 - Sparked by the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, Mississippi Coast business leaders and governmental officials have launched an all-out campaign to retain

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Entertainment

Vicki Lawrence and 'Mama' to appear at Casino Magic



Vicki Lawrence as herself; and below, as "Mama."



THE SEA COAST ECHO

Vicki Lawrence, the multi-talented recording artist and star of television and stage, plus her alter ego "Mama" will grace the stage at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis Friday and Saturday, August 2 and 3 at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$14.95, \$19.95 and \$24.95 and on sale at the Casino Magic Box Office, by calling 1-800-5-MAGIC-5, or at any Ticketmaster location.

Lawrence's career began when, during her senior year of high school, she sent Carol Burnett a letter that included a local newspaper article mentioning their resemblance and inviting Burnett to the local fire department's "Miss Fireball Contest" in which she was performing. Burnett, looking for an actress to play her kid sister on her new variety series, made arrangements to come to the event.

The rest is television history. "The Carol Burnett Show" premiered in the fall of 1967; the same year Lawrence entered UCLA to study Theater Arts.

She spent eleven years with Burnett, earning one Emmy Award and five Emmy nominations. She also earned a gold record in 1973 for the international hit, "The Night The Lights Went Out In Georgia."

After the Burnett show ended, Lawrence went on to star in her own TV series, "Mama's Family" with Ken Berry, Dorothy Lyman, Beverly Archer, and Allan Kayser.

The last original episode was made in January of 1990, completing five years of first-run syndication. The show still can be seen daily throughout most of the country.

Since then, she has been the host the game show "Win, Lose or Draw," had her own talk show "Vicki" which earned her a Daytime Emmy nomination, and was briefly the host of "Fox After Breakfast." On stage Lawrence has appeared in numerous productions, including "Carousel," "Send Me No Flowers," "No, No, Nanette," and most recently, live from the Grand Ole Opry, "Nunsense 3: The Jamboree" which aired on TNN.

Lawrence also travels all over the country speaking to women's organizations about her life and career, women's health, and being a woman in a man's world.

All the while she approaches everything with her characteristic sense of humor, reminding us that "Life is much too serious to be taken seriously!"

In 1995 Simon and Schuster published her autobiography entitled "Vicki!: The True Life Adventures of Miss Fireball."

In 1974 Lawrence married the head of CBS make-up, Al Schultz, who is both her best friend and professional partner; they have

two children, Courtney, 26, and Garrett, 24.

In their spare time Al and Vicki enjoy yacht racing and own a 70-foot sloop named, fittingly, "Vicki."

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Wildlife Extravaganza offers clean fun for the entire family

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The 16th annual Mississippi Wildlife Extravaganza, August 2-4 at the Mississippi Trade Mart in Jackson will be the biggest and best ever.

Sponsored by the Mississippi Wildlife Federation, this three-day event is the oldest and largest hunting and fishing show in Mississippi.

Hundreds of exhibitors and a host of outdoor-related programs throughout the weekend will provide entertainment for the entire family. New for 2002 is the ATV Ride/Drive area sponsored by Jackson Polaris. H & N Outdoors will present "Monster Bucks" and Wildlife of North America.

The laser shooting range, archery fun shoot, the Bass Tub, and a show favorite, Terry Vandeventer with a close up look at snakes of Mississippi are all back.

The state and regional Duck Calling Contest hosted by Ducks Unlimited is

scheduled for Saturday, and the Big Buck Contest and Magnolia Records Program Deer will be on display.

See a replica of the Beatty Buck, the world record non-typical deer. The Youth Photography Contest winners will be on exhibit as well.

Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks biologists Larry Castle and Ron Seiss will explain the new Tel-Chek system and will be on hand throughout the show to answer questions.

In addition Randy Spencer will address Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), the most serious topic to date.

Paul Meek will host a hands-on turkey-calling seminar for beginners. Get advice from William McKinley on the use of trail cameras. Learn the tricks and techniques for catching redfish and bonefish.

Retriever demonstrations with Blue Ribbon Kennels

and deer and waterfowl seminars with Greg Hood of Southern Game Calls are all part of the weekend's activities.

Celebrate the Bear. 2002 marks the 100th anniversary of President Theodore Roosevelt's trip to the Delta and the incident that led to the creation of the Teddy Bear.

This event raises awareness about black bears in Mississippi through seminars, booths and activities. Children are asked to bring a stuffed bear to the Extravaganza and put their name in a drawing for a fun-filled package. Bears collected will be presented to local charities.

Show hours: Friday 3 - 8:30 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Admission: \$7 for adults, \$3 for ages 6 - 12, and children 5 and under are admitted free. A \$15 weekend pass is available.

July-August artists at Pass's Hillyer House

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Hillyer House in Pass Christian July-August artists include:

Joel Bloomberg: Handblown glass and jellyfish lamp as featured in Coastal Design

Carl Brioni: Celebrating 50 years of Rock 'n Roll Graceland, Lisa Marie,

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Teachers intern with Coast Electric



During her internship at Coast Electric Power in Bay St. Louis this summer, Denise Ladner, business and technology discovery teacher at Hancock High School, helped Kathy Etterly, Coast Electric payroll specialist, go over some payroll adjustments. Ladner was one of 20 educators who participated in the Mississippi Internship for Educators Program sponsored by the Pearl River Community College Technology Preparation Program. Teachers spend approximately five to ten days as interns to gain an understanding of the day-to-day operations of businesses. Teachers will take what they learn back to the classroom to show students how their studies in the classroom apply to real life.

11th annual Steak & Steak Dinner held, youth awards presented

THE SEA COAST ECHO

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast and Outback Steakhouse hosted the 11th annual Steak & Steak Dinner & Silent Auction on Tuesday, July 30 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center.

Over 500 community leaders, elected officials, business leaders and volunteers as well as 300 Club Members attended the event and dined on a meal prepared by Outback Steakhouse.

The highlight of the dinner was the presentation Youth Awards and the naming of Kewanna Daniels, Forest Heights Unit Member, as the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast's 2002-2003 Youth of the Year.

Daniels, the 17-year-old daughter of Mavis Daniels and Henry Hinton, has been a member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast Forest Heights Unit for over 12 years.

She attends Harrison Central High School and has been a member of Student Council since 7th grade. She is vice president of her class, and participates in the Fellowship of Christian Athletics, Students Against Drunk Driving, cheerleading and Cultural Awareness Program.

On Sept. 11 she volunteered to speak to her peers concerning our nation's tragedy, and shortly thereafter she led the school in prayer "At the Pole." She would eventually like to attend college to study medicine.

At her Club, Daniels is a member of the Keystone Club, club choir, youth mentor program and helps out with numerous community service projects.

She is also a junior staff member. When asked what the club means to her, she said, "As a child growing up I 'lived' in the Boys & Girls Club, and because of this my club has become my family. There is always someone to speak to or a shoulder to lean on.... I find inspiration at my club."

Other Youth Award winners from the Clubs in Biloxi, Gulfport, Pass Christian and Picayune were as follows:

"Rising Star"



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Justin Jones, Picayune
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Makyah Hathorn, Pringle
Joy Fox, Picayune
Bobby Brimage, Forest Heights

Kendrell Diamond, Lunday

Junior Academic Excellence
Sarah Melancon, Pass Christian
Brianna Stinson, Pringle
Meagan Ruiz, Picayune
Tre'Von Hill, Forest Heights

Ashanti Craft, Lunday
Maesha Twyner, Pass Christian
Tracey Smith, Pringle
Shadell Brumfield, Picayune

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David Brumfield, Picayune
Kewanna Daniels, Forest Heights

Devonia Shelby, Lunday
The 11th Annual Steak & Steak Dinner was chaired by John Maclean, general manager of Imperial Palace and co-chaired by Gloria Newman, owner of Gulf Beach Resort and Creative Learning Center.

For the 10th year in a row, Senator Tommy Gollott was named as the Top Sales Person with over \$27,000 in sponsorship sales to the event.

The featured speaker for this year's dinner was pro-football legend Herschel Walker. The 1982 Heisman Trophy winner played pro-football for 15 years for teams including the Dallas Cowboys, Minnesota Vikings, Philadelphia Eagles and the New York Giants.

Walker participates in many charities, including the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the Children's Hospital of Macon, Georgia, and the United Way.

Walker delivered a strong and often emotional message of inspiration to the youths and adults in the audience.

Last year the clubs had over 3,100 members ranging in age from six to 18, and served an additional 22,000-plus youths through various outreach programs in Biloxi, Gulfport, Pass Christian, and Picayune.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast, a United Way agency, directly benefits from all proceeds generated from this event.

For more information about the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast, contact 374-2330 or visit www.bgcgulfcoast.org.

Coast to celebrate National Kids' Day

THE SEA COAST ECHO

National KidsDay is a day set aside each year to celebrate and honor America's children by spending meaningful time with them. It's about celebrating kids - whether it's your sons, daughters, nieces, nephews or any child in need of mentoring. This year National KidsDay is Sunday, Aug. 4.

"This is a day to reinforce that children matter -- that their ideas and dreams are important and worthwhile. I hope National KidsDay becomes one of the greatest days of the summer for America's children," said Laura Bush, honorary chairperson for National KidsDay.

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'This is a day to reinforce that children matter -- that their ideas and dreams are important and worthwhile.'

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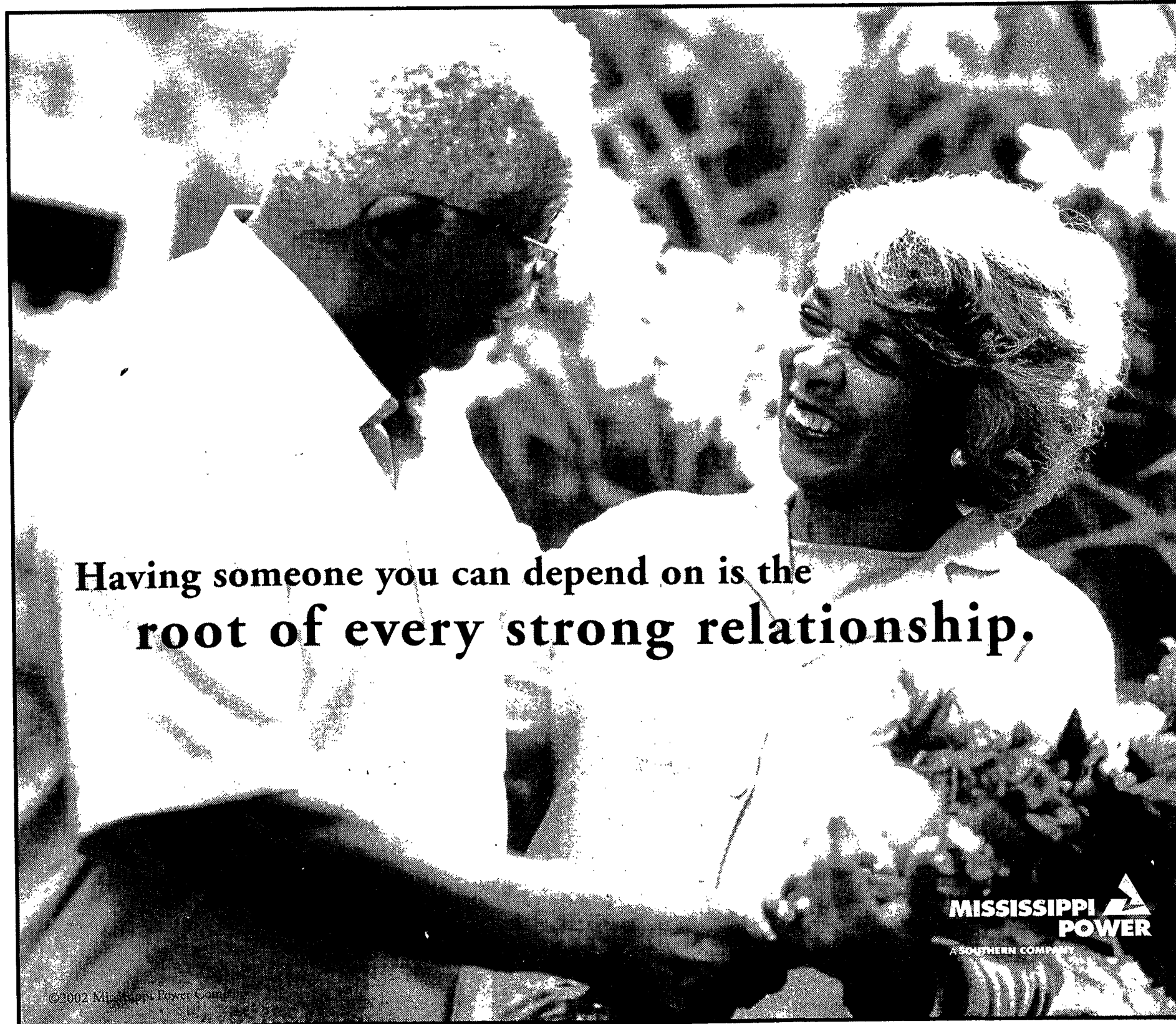
Locally, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast is planning a series of activities and public celebration to mark National KidsDay. The Clubs, located in Biloxi, Gulfport and Pass Christian, will host a Family Fun Day at the

Charles Walker Community Center in Gulfport (on the beach just west of Grand Casino).

The events, which run from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 4, will include games, races, prizes and much, much more.

"I've always believed that it's important to value and cherish our most important resource - our children, said Lee Kerley, executive director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast. "National KidsDay gives us an opportunity to do just that by refocusing our attention on the youngest members in our society."

For more information about National KidsDay visit www.kidsday.net or <http://www.kidsday.net>.



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MSU announces major dates for fall semester

Classes for the fall semester at Mississippi State University begin Monday, Aug. 19.

Campus housing opens for residency at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9. For all who didn't attend the June sessions, orientation for new students is scheduled on the 14th.

Final regular fall registration will be held Aug. 15 and 16, with late registration continuing through the 23rd.

Other major dates for the school year's first semester include:

- Sept. 2, Labor Day holiday (university closed).
- Sept. 14, High School Scholars' Recognition Day (in conjunction with Jacksonville State University football game).
- Oct. 12, Homecoming festivities for alumni and

friends (in conjunction with Troy State University football game).

• Nov. 2, "Discovery: MSU" for prospective students (in conjunction with the University of Kentucky football game).

• Nov. 28 and 29, Thanksgiving holidays (university closed).

• Dec. 2, last day for all new students to apply for 2003 spring semester admission.

• Dec. 13, fall commencement exercises.

New student orientation for the 2003 spring semester will be held Jan. 2, with second-semester classes beginning on the 6th. Spring commencement is May 10.

Registration information can be obtained in Garner Hall East or by telephoning (662) 325-2023.

It's not too late to apply for financial aid at PRCC

It's not too late to apply for financial aid for the 2002 fall semester, according to Pearl River Community College Financial Aid Director Peggy Shoemaker.

"Students can still apply for a Federal Pell Grant and the Mississippi Tuition Assistance Grant (MTAG)," said Shoemaker. "Our office can determine eligibility by the time classes start Aug. 19. But it's important that when applying to include PRCC's code - 002430 - on the free application for Federal Student Aid."

The maximum Pell Grant has increased from \$3750 to \$4000 for the coming school year.

"Because of our low cost, many of our students receive a refund check dur-

ing the semester to help with indirect costs of attending school," Shoemaker said.

MTAG is designed for "middle income" individuals who are not full Pell Grant eligible.

The PRCC Financial Aid Department is located on the first floor of the Administration Building.

Although the deadline has passed to apply for some types of student aid, Pell Grants are considered "entitlements" and generally can be applied for throughout the school year. The deadline to apply for MTAG is Sept. 15.

For more information about student financial assistance, call (601) 403-1029.

St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Diamondhead, music program

The choir at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Diamondhead is thriving and looking for new members.

In addition to a traditional vocal choir, the church also sponsors a bell choir.

Both groups rehearse on Wednesday at 5 p.m. for the bells followed by the singers at 6 p.m.

Typically the rehearsals last one hour, but may run a bit longer when special music is being prepared for a festival occasion such as Christmas or Easter.

Both programs are under the direction of Donna Hutchings who also serves on the Mississippi Diocese Music Commission. The Rev. Brian Seabee is rector of the church.

The choir welcomes anyone who can ring a bell or sing a note. There is plenty of room for growth and a special need for male voices in the singing choir.

Anyone who wants to join either choir, or both, need not know how to read music.

While this is obviously

helpful, it is not a requirement, and if needed, can be easily learned in the practices.

All practices are designed to be instructional and helpful to choir members while at the same time an enhancement to the worship experience of all church members.

If you are a singer, a bell ringer, or want to be a singer or bell ringer, contact the church office at 255-9213.

Pastor Seage or Mrs. Hutchings will be glad to provide the information you need. The Episcopal Church practices open communion for all baptized Christians, and services at St. Thomas are at 8 and 0 a.m. Sundays with a mid-week service on Wednesday at 11 a.m.

Choir participation is normally at the 10 a.m. Sunday service, and usually meets for a pre-service run-through at 9 a.m.

Coffee and refreshments in the fellowship hall follow the service for anyone who cares to visit and meet the church members.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

TOPS #233 Waveland, met on July 16 at the Waveland Methodist Church, corner of Vacation Lane and Central Avenue.

The top loser for the week was Jeanette. Members signed up to attend the area meeting in Latimer Sat., Aug. 10. Anyone not on the current list should call Wenda, if you wish to attend.

TOPS #233 Waveland, meets each Tuesday night. Weigh-in is from 5-6 p.m. with the meeting following. Guests are invited to attend.

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the approved route of the new Interstate Highway 10 some five miles inland which is scheduled to replace U.S. 90 as a federal highway.

The Gulf Coast Council of Chambers of Commerce meeting last Wednesday in Pascagoula, appointed a four-member committee, headed by Hancock Chamber prexy W. Ray Gordon, to keep an eye on any efforts to relocate the federal high further inland, conferring with State Highway Commissioner John D. Smith toward that end.

Gordon brought to the attention of the coastwide body the requests emanating from Picayune in Pearl River County that Gov. Ross Barnett and Smith intercede to get the roadway constructed north of the NASA test site.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

July 25, 1952 - The Bay St. Louis Rotary Club went on record Wednesday and sent a telegram to the highway commission expressing its hope that reinforced concrete would be used in the construction of the new highway approaches in the new car bridge spanning the Bay of St. Louis. The commission has advertised for bids which cover both reinforced concrete and black-top usage.

Appointment of Andy J. Becker as assistant postmaster at the Bay St. Louis Post Office was approved by the Post Office Department in Washington, D.C., effective as of July 16, 1952. Becker's service began in the local post office on August 28, 1936 and has been continuous with the exception of time served in the military service.

SIXTY YEARS AGO

July 17, 1941 - Mt. Al Voight Chevrolet and Texaco dealer was one of the leaders in the Special Rubber Salvage Campaign. Mr. Voight purchased

36,753 pounds of rubber in the campaign.

- Aaron Academy - The 'Ole Swimming Hole' on Turtle Skin, just below Cornith Church seems to be the center of attraction these days. Large crowds gather there each afternoon.

- Waveland News - The home of Mayor Thos J. Bourgeois on Waveland Avenue, has been greatly improved with its nice new coat of paint and new screened porch. The credit for this fine work goes to son Jerry (Bully) who got a thrill in being able to turn the old homestead into a place of beauty.

- Kiln News - The surfaced road is now completed in Kiln.

Logtown News - Mrs. Emma Baxter has had news from her son, Staff Sergeant Walton Baxter, which tells that he is now on maneuvers in North Carolina. Sgt. Baxter had been stationed at Fort Benning, GA, until recently.

- Gainesville News - Albert Miller is now in Gulfport where he is employed in a store. All the boys here miss him very much.

- Sellers News - Miss Patsy Shaw returned home from New Orleans, after a two-week vacation with her sisters, Mrs. Gary Page and Mrs. Randolph Ncaise on Esplanade Avenue.

- Leetown News - Helen Lee, Betty Lou Lee, and Irene and Mildred Baker and Buron Lee, all attended the 4-H Club camp in Perkinston, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

- Flat Top News - Mr. Herbert Ray Knight and Miss Lolie Belle Knight attended the 4-H Club at Perkinston, last week.

(Editor's Note 2002 - If you reside in a community and would like to submit happenings on a regular basis, give Geoff Belcher, Sea Coast Echo news editor a call at 467-5454.)

Garden

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tilizer about a month after transplanting will be sufficient.

The castor bean looks at home in a cottage garden, perennial garden or the tropical-looking garden. The coarse textured foliage from the plant really has the ability to give the garden an exotic look. Combine it with bananas, cannas, elephant ears and lantanas. It is rare to find container-grown plants at local garden centers. Those that are found have been sold generically. The castor bean has been much easier for me to find in the seed racks.

Named selections are Black Beauty with dark brown leaves that turn green, Coccineus with bronze leaves, Impala with maroon foliage, Red Spire with bright red stems and bronze leaves, Sanguineus with deep red leaves and Scarlet Queen with burgundy foliage.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Norman Winter is a horticulturist with Mississippi State University's Extension Service. His office is located

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Chronic wasting disease in whitetail deer

BY JAMES L. CUMMINS

If you don't think this is serious, just ask a deer hunter in Southwest Wisconsin where the state is weeks into an effort to kill every deer (25,000) in that part of the state to halt a fatal outbreak of the Chronic Wasting Disease, or CWD as it is sometimes called.

CWD is one of a group of diseases known as transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs). It is a relative of mad cow disease.

It is caused by a little-understood protein known as "prion," which sets off a chain reaction in brain tissue, causing some of the brain's own proteins to change into an aberrant form. TSEs cause degeneration of the brain and is ultimately fatal to infected animals. Diseased animals will show changes in their normal behavior, exhibit exces-

sive weight loss, salivation, stumbling and tremors. Cervids, which are members of the deer family and consist of whitetail deer, elk and red deer, are susceptible. Experts say there is no scientific evidence that CWD can infect humans, but the World Health Organization advises people not to eat any part of a deer with the infection.

Officials with the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, the Mississippi Board of Animal Health and the Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Foundation are continuing efforts to monitor and begin proactive steps to prevent the occurrence of the disease.

Currently, CWD has not been diagnosed in Mississippi but the primary potential for the disease being introduced into the Magnolia State is from infected cervids being

brought into Mississippi.

According to Dr. Jim Watson, state veterinarian with the Mississippi Board of Animal Health, "It is crucial that Mississippi implement a plan that will monitor the state's free-ranging and captive cervid populations."

"Preparations are being made to develop a CWD surveillance and monitoring plan for these cervids in Mississippi," State Whitetail Deer Coordinator Larry Castle said.

Castle said that recently the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources banned all supplemental feeding and baiting of deer as a preventive measure to control the further spread of CWD in Wisconsin.

As a result of the CWD issue, the Mississippi Board of Animal Health has enacted an emergency ruling that imposes a moratorium on the importation and intra-

state movement of all deer and elk.

This emergency rule will be in effect for 120 days after which agriculture and wildlife officials will prepare to enact a joint state CWD monitoring and response plan.

CWD has also been found in Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Dakota, New Mexico and the Canadian provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

James Cummins is executive director of the Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Foundation in Stoneville, Mississippi. Known as "Wildlife Mississippi," the

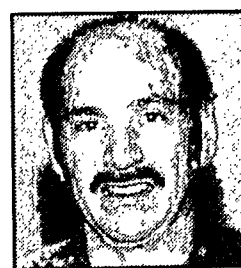
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Last original Sea Wolves player returns for 7th season

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Mississippi Sea Wolves coach Bob Woods and General Manager Mike Fitzpatrick announced veteran defenseman Patrick Rochon has re-signed for the 2002-03 season. As per team policy, terms of the contract were not released.

Rochon, 27, split last season between the ECHL's New Orleans Brass, where he played 43 games, picking up four goals and 27 assists for a total of 31 points and 86 penalty minutes. He was claimed by Mississippi off waivers on January 31, 2002.

The 5-foot-10, 190-pound native of Ste-Martine, Quebec appeared in 25 games with the Sea Wolves scoring one goal and adding 16 assists in 17 games to go along with 51 penalty minutes. Rochon holds the franchise records with 357 regular season games played, 150 assists and 178 points (28g-150a). He is the only original player remaining from the Sea Wolves expansion season in 1996-97.

"It's exciting, my life is here on the Mississippi Gulf Coast," said Rochon. "I'm getting ready for the season and I'm looking forward to help bring another championship back to Mississippi." "Patrick has made Mississippi his home. He's been here since day one and cares about the Sea Wolves," said Woods. "Rochon brings experience to our defense and I look for him to be an asset again this season."

Mississippi opens the 2002-03 season at Baton Rouge on Saturday, Oct. 12. The Sea Wolves home opener is Sunday, Oct. 13 against in-state rival Jackson. Parking is free for all home games and season tickets have been lowered by as much as \$50 per seat. For the best seats available, call 228-275-WOLF (9653) or drop by the Sea Wolves hockey office at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum.

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3 BDR., 2 BATH MOBILE HOME. 467-7363, after 4:00 p.m.

SMALL 1 BEDROOM TRAILER. Utilities & cable paid. \$100/week & \$125/deposit. (228)463-9674.

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12'X60' MOBILE HOME FOR SALE. Recently remodeled. Asking \$6,500. 255-5961.

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DIAMONDHEAD CHARMER 3BR/2BA Garage. Deposit & lease \$850. 255-7163 or call Marilyn 255-3550.

DUPLEX, HWY 603, UPSTAIRS, 1000 sq.ft. 2br/2ba, waterfront, central ac/heat. Pet free, smoke free. \$550/month, \$450/deposit. Sailfish Realty, 466-9947.

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1 ACRE FOR SALE: Located in Kiln, cleared, driveway and water setup. Asking \$12,000. Call 228-323-5122. 601-916-8379.

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DIAMONDHEAD LOT, 60X130, Kaleki Place, \$10,500. 255-9657

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NO. 02-0278
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: HELEN DARLENE NORRIS and JOSEPH CHARLES NORRIS, a/k/a DAVID BOOKER WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN, AT-TER DUIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY YOU HAVE BEEN MADE DEFENDANTS IN A COMPLAINT FILED IN THIS COURT BY THE PLAINTIFF. OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MATTER SEEKING TO COLLECT A DEBT.

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WHEREAS, HOMEAMERICA CREDIT INC. d/b/a Upland Mortgage has heretofore substituted J. Gary Massey as Trustee by instrument dated July 1, 2002 and recorded in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office in Book 701 at Page 250 and
WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, HOMEAMERICA CREDIT, INC. d/b/a Upland Mortgage the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust for the purpose of raising the sums due on the debt, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expense of sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Gary Massey, Substituted Trustee in said deed of trust, will on August 9, 2002 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the Main front door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County, located at Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi, to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described property situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:
Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 15 West Hancock County, Mississippi; thence run North 99.64 feet to the place of beginning, thence West 250.0 feet, thence North 261.36 feet, thence East 250.0 feet, thence South 261.36 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, being a part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 15 West Hancock County, Mississippi.

INDEXING INSTRUCTIONS: Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter, Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 15 West Hancock County, Mississippi.
The above described property is also subject to that certain deed of trust dated February 5, 1999 and recorded in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office in Book 541 at Page 216.

I WILL CONVEY only such title as vested in me as Substituted Trustee.
WITNESS MY SIGNATURE this July 15, 2002
J. Gary Massey
Shapiro & Massey, L.L.P.
1910 Lakeland Drive, Suite B
Jackson, MS 39216
(601) 981-9299
07/15/02, 08/01/02, 08/08/02

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S SALE

COUNTY OF PULASKI
WHEREAS, on November 30, 2001, Tracy Wright and Lisa Wright executed a promissory note payable to the order of Novastar Mortgage, Inc. and
WHEREAS, the aforesaid promissory note was secured by a Deed of Trust and Novastar Mortgage, Inc., executed by Tracy Wright and Lisa Wright, and being recorded in Book 666, at Page 680 of the records of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, and
WHEREAS, default having occurred under the terms and conditions of said promissory note and Deed of Trust and the holder having declared the entire balance due and payable, and
WHEREAS, Floyd Healy, Substituted Trustee in said deed of trust, will on the 27th day of August, 2002, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., offer for sale and will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse the following described property located and situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:
See Exhibit "A" attached hereto.
More completely known as:
6626 Apone Street,
Diamondhead, Mississippi 39525

Subject to the rights of way an easement for public roads and public utilities and to any prior conveyance or reservation of mineral of every kind and character, including but not limited to oil, gas, sand and gravel in or under subject property.
As the undersigned Substituted Trustee, I will convey only such title as is vested in me under said Deed of Trust.
This 26th day of July, 2002.
Floyd Healy
Substituted Trustee

Prepared by:
Floyd Healy
5 Shadelford Plaza, Suite 103
Little Rock, Arkansas 72211
EXHIBIT "A"
Lot 98, Block 9, Unit 5 of Diamondhead, Phase 2, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Plat Book 4, Page 38-40 (Slide 292-294) thereof.
According to the records, title is vested Tracy Wright and Lisa Wright by virtue of Warranty Deed, from Brita Hones, Inc. a Louisiana Corporation, dated November 30, 2001, filed December 5, 2001, at 3:07 p.m., and recorded in Book 662, Page 680.
08/01/02, 08/08/02, 08/15/02, 08/22/02

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WHEREAS, on the 18th day of October 2000 Frankie W. Kowalski Jr. and Dewanna Kowalski executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto Dore Stearns Trustee for Secretary of Veterans Affairs, an Officer of the United States Beneficiary, to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Book 612 at Page 777 and
WHEREAS, on the 22nd day of February, 2001 Secretary of Veterans Affairs assigned said Deed of Trust unto Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A. not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee, its permitted successors and assigns, on behalf of Vandee Mortgage Trust (2001-1) c/o Countywide Home Loans 1800 Tapo Canyon Road, M & N 3x-103, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 622 at Page 449 and
WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned to do so on the 23rd day of August, 2002, I will, during legal hours, at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell at the Main front door of the Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned to do so on the 23rd day of August, 2002, I will, during legal hours, at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell at the Main front door of the Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:
Lots 16, 17, and 18, Block 8, Jourdan River Oaks Subdivision, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the official plat of said subdivision on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.
Together with all and singular the rights, privileges, improvements and appurtenances to the same belonging or in anywise appertaining I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.
WITNESS MY SIGNATURE this 17th day of July, 2002
JOHN C. MORRIS, III
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE
1820 AVENUE OF AMERICA
MONROE, LA 71201
318-330-9020
F02-2961
08/01/02, 08/08/02, 08/15/02, 08/22/02

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS, on November 20, 2000, Madeline C. Petrick executed a certain deed of trust to Bryan Chandler, Trustee for the benefit of First Family Financial Services, Inc., which deed of trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, State of Mississippi in Book 611 at Page 747 and
WHEREAS, Citifinancial Mortgage Company, f/k/a Associates Home Equity Services, Inc., f/k/a First Family Financial Services, Inc., has heretofore substituted J. Gary Massey as Trustee by instrument dated November 1, 2001 and recorded in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office in Book 661 at Page 465, and
WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, Citifinancial Mortgage Company, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust and for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expense of sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Gary Massey, Substituted Trustee in said deed of trust, will on August 16, 2002 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the Main front door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County, located at Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi, to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described property situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:
LOT 4, SHORELINE PARK SUBDIVISION, UNIT 11, AS PER THE OFFICIAL MAP OR PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.
The above described property is also subject to that certain prior Deed of Trust recorded in Book 357 at Page 649.
I WILL CONVEY only such title as vested in me as Substituted Trustee.
WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on July 22, 2002.
J. Gary Massey
Shapiro & Massey, L.L.P.
1910 Lakeland Drive, Suite B
Jackson, MS 39216
(601) 981-9299
07/25/02, 08/01/02, 08/08/02, 08/15/02

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF HANCOCK
TRUSTEES NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS, on the 8th day of February, 2002, J. Ward Conville and wife Bonnie F. Wood, executed a Deed of Trust to Charlene Roberts, Trustee for the benefit of Stuart Company, which deed of Trust is recorded in Book 678, Page 25, and
WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust and Stuart Company, a Mississippi Corporation, the holder of the Note and Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned Trustee to do so, I will on the 9th day of August, 2002, at the main entrance (front door) of the Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:

Units three (3) of the six (6), inclusive and Lots nineteen (19) through twenty-two (22), inclusive, Block eighteen (18), Highland Park Subdivision, Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the official plat of said subdivision on file in the Office of the Clerk of Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi.
Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.
WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 15th day of July, 2002.
CHARLENE ROBERTS
Trustee
07/18/02, 07/25/02, 08/01/02, 08/08/02, 08/15/02

Public Notices

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS, on October 6, 1999, Timothy R. Anderson and Charlene G. Anderson, executed a Deed of Trust to Michael P. Lee, Trustee for the use and benefit of Centex Home Equity Corporation, which Deed of Trust is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Deed of Trust Book 569 at Page 558 thereof, and
WHEREAS, the legal holder of the said Deed of Trust and the note secured thereby, substituted Lem Adams, III as Trustee thereon, authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 653 at Page 384 thereof, and
WHEREAS, default having been made in the performance of the conditions and stipulations as set forth by said Deed of Trust, and having been requested by the legal holder of the indebtedness secured and described by said Deed of Trust to do notice is hereby given that I, Lem Adams, III, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me in said Deed of Trust, will offer for sale and will sell at public sale and outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, during the legal hours (between the hours of 11 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m.) at the North front door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 9th day of August, 2002, the following described land and property being the same land and property described in said Deed of Trust, situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

Lots Five (5), Six (6), Eleven (11) and Twelve (12), Block No. Four (4), GULFVIEW SUBDIVISION, Hancock County, Mississippi, being a subdivision as per the official map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.
Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.
WITNESS my signature, on this 11th day of July, 2002
LEM ADAMS, III
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE
PREPARED BY ADAMS & EDENS
FORCED SALE DEPARTMENT
POST OFFICE BOX 400
BRANDON, MISSISSIPPI 39043
(601) 829-0808
07/18/02, 07/25/02, 08/01/02, 08/08/02

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COUNTY OF HANCOCK
WHEREAS, on the 1st day of December 1995, Donald Elridge Fredrickson and Roberta Jean Fredrickson, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto Ralph Young, Trustee for Equitrust Mortgage Corporation, Beneficiary to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Book 443 at Page 459 and
WHEREAS, by various assignments on record said Deed of Trust was ultimately assigned to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 700 at Page 488, and
WHEREAS, on the 27th day of June 2002, the holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed John C. Morris, III, as Trustee in said Deed of Trust by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 700 at Page 490, and
WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned to do so on the 23rd day of August, 2002, I will, during the legal hours (between the hours of 11 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m.) at the North front door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 9th day of August, 2002, the following described land and property being the same land and property described in said Deed of Trust, situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

Lots 25 and 26, Block "D", JOURDAN RIVER ISLES SUBDIVISION, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.
I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.
WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 22nd day of July, 2002
JOHN C. MORRIS, III
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE
1820 AVENUE OF AMERICA
MONROE, LA 71201
318-330-9020
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594-0265
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